## GI Lab Pre-Procedure COVID-19 Testing

The GI Lab has enhanced its cleaning and personal protective equipment requirements to protect you from COVID-19.

As the Delta variant of SARS-CoV-2 has increased the number of COVID cases in our community, the GI Lab does require a COVID-19 test be done **no more than three days** before your procedure. Our staff will contact you one to two weeks before your appointment to let you know which options you have for testing at the VA.

The following VA locations in Colorado offer COVID-19 testing:

 Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center 1700 N. Wheeling Street, Aurora, CO 80045

Between **7:30** AM – **3:30** PM, Mondays through Sundays, please go to drive-thru testing in the Emergency Department parking lot. The entrance to this parking lot is on N. Fitzsimons Parkway, south of E. 17th Place and north of E. Colfax Ave. If you are coming for your test **before 7:30** AM or after **3:30** PM, drive-thru testing may not be available, and you will have to park and go inside the ER for the test.

PFC Floyd K. Lindstrom VA Clinic

3141 Centennial Boulevard, Colorado Springs, CO 80907

**Drive-thru testing** is open **Monday – Friday**, **11:30 AM – 3 PM**. *Testing is not done in the mornings*. If the weather is bad and drive thru testing is not possible, please park and enter the clinic. Explain to staff that you need a COVID test before your procedure here.

In the time between your COVID-19 test and your procedure, <u>please stay at home</u> and away from contact with anyone outside your family or roommates as much as possible.

If you are traveling from western or northern Colorado, or from outside the state, please follow the instructions given to you at the time you scheduled your appointment.

If you have any of the following symptoms at any time prior to your appointment, please call us at 720-723-6166, your primary care provider or the call center at 303-399-8020 or 888-336-8262 (press 3, then press 4):

- A fever of 100.4°F (38°C) or higher
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Chest pain

- Sore throat
- Loss of your sense of smell or taste
- Recent fatigue or lack of energy
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If you have any other questions or concerns, please call us at 720-723-6166.

